lands of the said Richard Coomes deceased agreably to the provisions of the act of Assembly and if the same well admit of division without loss and injury to the parties interested that you or a majority of you first taken the oath hereto annexed and giving notice to all the parties interested value and appraise the same in current money, and proceed to devide and make partition of the said lands among the representatives of the deceased according to the Law and shares Equal according to situation, quality and every kind of advantage and you or a Majority of you shall cause the respective shares if necessary to be ascertained bounded and laid of by the County Surveyor or any other person properly qualified and you or a majority of you shall allot to the said representatives their shares of the said lands and after such allotment or partition made return of your proceedings under hand and seal to the next County Court shall happen thereafter and if you or a majority of you are of opinion that the said lands cannot be devided without loss and injury to all the parties interested therein, you or a Majority of you shall under hand and seal make return to the said County Court of your judgment and the reasons upon which the same is formed and the real value of the said land in current money so descending to the representatives of the deceased and this shall be your sufficient authority

Witness the Honorable John Johnson Esquire Chief judge of the first Judicial District of Maryland the 16th day of November Anno Domini 1819

Issued the 3d day of March 1820 — John Barnes Clk

Commissioners Oath Charles County Set; Be it remembered that on this 4th day of March 1820 personally appears William P Ford, Daniel Smallwood and Gerard Greenwell before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the place of the State of Maryland in & for the County aforesaid and make oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that in pursuance of the within Commission they will well and truly & without partiality or prejudice adjudge and determine whether the estate within mentioned well admit of being divided without injury & loss to all the parties entitled, and that they will ascertain the value of such Estate in current money & if the said Estate can in their opinion & judgment or of a Majority of them be divided without loss & injury to those entitled that then they will devide and make partition of the fairly and Equally in value between all the parties interested according to their several just proportions.

Sworn before Wilson Smoot.

Charles County towit: On this 4th day of March 1820 come Wilson Smoot named in the above Commission & qualified by taking the above oath prescribed by Law.

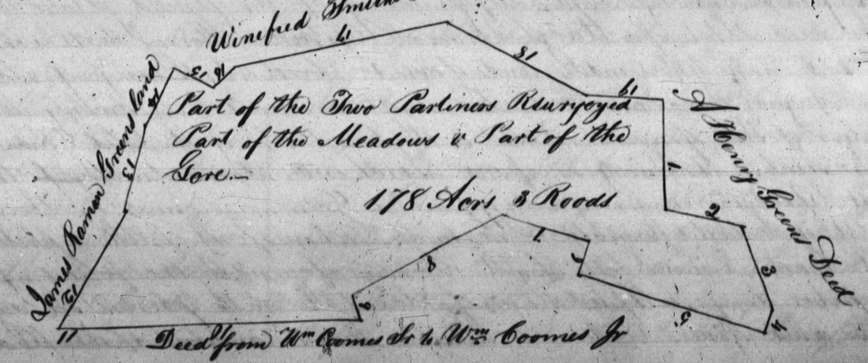
Sworn before Dan Smallwood

And now here at this day towit: the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty the commissioners aforesaid make return to the Court here of the said Commission with their return thereunto annexed which is Contained in the following words towit: We the undersigned appointed Commissioners by the Honorable Court of Charles County to make partition of the real Estate of Richard Coomes Decd amongst his heirs do make the following return of our proceedings. After having taken the oath prescribed by the partition and given notice to all the parties interested we find the facts

set forth in the petition of Richard Coomes to be true, we then entered upon the lands and they were carefully surveyed by Cleon Clements who was well qualified for the duty and find by a plat herewith returned That the lands Contain 178 Acres 3 roods, we also return that the lands will not divide without loss and injury to all the parties interest for the following reasons first because the number of acres are too small and that one portion of the land is very poor and the balance that is goods lays all together, we also find that the lands are worth the sum of seven Dollars per acre.

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of March Anno Domini 1820.

William P Ford (Seal) — Wilson Smoot (Seal)
G Greenwell (Seal) — Dan Smallwood (Seal)

Certificate & plat refered to in the aforegoing return.

Maryland Charles County Set: At the request of Leonard Coomes and by his directions I have carefully surveyed the three following parts of land towit: part of a tract of land called the Two partners resurveyd, part of The Meadows & part of Gore lying and being in the County aforesaid and have included the above mentioned parcels of land in the following boundaries courses and distances viz: Beginning at a stone the beginning of the Deed given by Joshua Coomes to Henry Green the first day of July 1789 and runs with said Deed the three following courses S 26° W 51 perches then S 52° E 33 perches and 19 links to a bounded white Oak saplen then S 5° W 42 perches then S 27° W 17 perches and 19 links to the beginning of the 16th line of the courses in a Deed from William Coomes Senr to William Coomes Jr for Part of the Two Partners where there is a red oak and runs thence binding with said line N 63° W 94 perches to the old rowling path then N 52° 30' E 16 perches and 13 links to a stone then N 44° 30' W 59 perches and 12 links to a stone then W 81 perches and 14 links to a stone then S 6° East 9 perches and 18 links to a stone, then N 63° W 132 perches to a Mulberry Stump then N 63 W 11 perches & 20 links to the land of Roman Green, then with the said land N 58° 42' E 59 perches & 3 links then N 42° E 40 perches, then N 50° 42' E 33 perches then S 40° 18' E 22 perches then N 70° E 10 perches and 14 links till it intersects the fourth line of Winefred Smith deeded land then running & binding with the lines of said land reversed S 61° E 90 perches and 19 links then S 34° 30' E 74½ perches then S 59° E 36 perches to the first bounded stone containing & now surveyed and laid out for 178 Acres 3 roods, this 10 day of September 1819 By Cleon Clements